

June 10, 2016

The Honorable Fred Upton  
2125 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Upton:

Legacy Community Health is one of the nation's largest community health centers. As a primary health care provider based in Houston, and covering a large portion of Southeast Texas, we are supportive of H.R. 2646, the Helping Families in Mental Health Crisis Act.

This legislation will make much needed reforms at the federal level that will allow mission-based health care providers like Legacy Community Health to better serve our patients. We particularly applaud the bill's provision for designating health professional shortage areas for underserved children's populations, the expansion of health information technology incentives to include certain mental health and substance abuse professionals and facilities, and the expansion of coverage for mental health services.

I have tasked our Washington, DC government relations team to help shore up support for this bill.

Sincerely,



Katy Caldwell, CEO